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7. (Amended) The soft link of claim 1 wherein the first member is a group of parachute suspension lines and said second member is a riser; wherein a first portion of said body member is disposed within a first opening defined by the group of parachute suspension lines and a second portion of said body member is disposed within a second opening defined by the riser when said first end is attached to said second end.

8. (Twice Amended) The soft link of claim 1 wherein the first member is a bridle cord and the second member is a canopy; wherein a first portion of said body member is disposed within a first opening defined by the bridle cord and a second portion of said body member is disposed within a second opening defined by the canopy when said first end is attached to said second end.

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10. (Twice Amended) A soft link for connecting a first member to a second member, said soft link comprising:

a flexible one-piece body member having a permanently looped first end and a permanently looped second end; and

a non-metal tab member secured to said second looped end; wherein said body member is constructed from a rope material;

wherein said first end and said second end are removably attached to each other to connect the first member to the second member.



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12. (Amended) The soft link of claim 10 wherein the first member is a group of parachute suspension lines and said second member is a riser; wherein a first portion of said body member is disposed within a first opening defined by the group of parachute suspension lines and a second portion of said body member is disposed within a second opening defined by the riser when said first end is attached to said second end.

13. (Amended) The soft link of claim 10 wherein the first member is a bridle cord and the second member is a canopy; wherein a first portion of said body member is disposed within a first opening defined by the bridle cord and a second portion of said body member is disposed within a second opening defined by the canopy when said first end is attached to said second end.

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17. (Twice Amended) A soft link for connecting a first member of a parachute assembly to a second member of a parachute assembly, said soft link comprising:

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a flexible one-piece body member having a permanently looped first end and a permanently looped second end, said flexible body member having a plurality of bartack threads; and

a non-metal tab member secured to said second looped end;
wherein said body member is constructed from high strength fibers;



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wherein said first end and said second end are removably attached to each other to connect the first member to the second member.

18. (Amended) The soft link of claim 17 wherein the first member is a group of parachute suspension lines and said second member is a riser; wherein a first portion of said body member is disposed within a first opening defined by the group of parachute suspension lines and a second portion of said body member is disposed within a second opening defined by the riser when said first end is attached to said second end.

19. (Amended) The soft link of claim 17 wherein the first member is a bridle cord and the second member is a canopy; wherein a first portion of said body member is disposed within a first opening defined by the bridle cord and a second portion of said body member is disposed within a second opening defined by the canopy when said first end is attached to said second end.

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated June 25, 2002. In the Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Dennington. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections and offers the foregoing amendments and following remarks in support thereof.